

Review of High School Basketball Tournament

Held at Buckhannon by West Virginia Wesleyan Athletic Association.

BUCKHANNON, Mar. 27.—The first big basketball tournament for the West Virginia high school teams was held last Friday and Saturday here and all those who were able to witness the exceptional quality of the basketball played, can testify to its being one of the greatest, if not indeed, the greatest athletic event ever staged in the state of West Virginia.

Middlebourne Dropped Out.
Due to very questionable sportsmanship on the part of the Middlebourne high school team, or rather on the part of its management, that team dropped out after having guaranteed that it would be here, and not so much as a telegram of notification was received here; nor has there been as yet received so much as a letter explaining the unusual action. A fortunate occurrence prevented any mixup in the schedule, although Middlebourne was drawn and scheduled to play before it was found out that the team would not be here.

Fourteen Teams Entered.
However, fourteen teams came and these one hundred and twenty-six players put up an article of basketball that was not even excelled by the Wesleyan championship team this year. Fourteen games were played and of this number, no less than six were decided by a margin of six points or less. In no game was there a wider margin than fifteen points between winner and loser and no extra large scores were registered.

Charleston High Champions.
Charleston high school in a clean cut manner, won the championship. This team although considered fairly strong, previous to the tournament, was not really given very serious consideration. In its first game with Thomas high school (a sort of unknown quality) Charleston showed nothing especially good in the line of basketball and was pressed to win. Parkersburg was scheduled to meet Charleston Saturday in the tri-finals, and being heretofore considered the strongest team in the tournament, was expected to win. Charleston showed improved form, however and won 23-17. Parkersburg had already beaten Wheeling and this boosted Charleston's stock immediately. Next the men from Charleston took on Fairmont, the team that had beaten Elkins, also considered one of the best entered. In this game the best basketball of the tournament was displayed. This game more than the final Charleston played with Wellsburg, settled the championship. Knight, Reed, Hamilton, Wilson and Swiger for Fairmont, put up a terrific battle against the larger Charleston team, but class told and Charleston won.

Wellsburg Easy Victims.
Charleston's final engagement was with Wellsburg. Wellsburg had been the class of the "second division" throughout the preliminaries, the tri-

finals and the semi-finals, beating Sistersville, Salem and Weston in turn, after these teams had eliminated successively Buckhannon, Clarksburg, Fairview and Piedmont. The final game, as indicated above, was not really the crucial game of the tournament, and Charleston walked away from Wellsburg in what proved to be one of the largest scoring games of the whole series. While in the standing, Wellsburg stands second, or runner-up, it is questionable whether they were really the second strongest team playing in the tournament. The drawing which arranged the schedule for the tournament placed all of the five teams that had been considered the strongest entered, namely Charleston, Elkins, Fairmont, Wheeling and Parkersburg among the last six teams. The peculiar order of the schedule made it necessary that all but one of these teams be eliminated before the final was possible, or in other words, made it necessary for many two of these teams to meet in the final game. The first section, however included Wellsburg, Salem, Piedmont, Fairview, Weston, Clarksburg and Sistersville and Buckhannon, and Wellsburg had comparatively easy sailing till she struck Charleston in the final. Up to this time the play of the Panhandle team had excited the admiration of every spectator at the games and this team was a strong favorite. Charleston, however, continued to grow stronger as the tournament progressed and won out by a big margin.

Champions Passed Well.
The play of the Charleston team was especially well adapted to the floor. Their passes for the most part were long and their defensive work was much above the average of the teams entered. This may in large measure, be attributed to the fine work of Thomas and Stark at guards. This pair stood out conspicuously throughout the tournament, and the advice that "a good offense is a good defense" proved too true again in Charleston's year and expects to come back strong next year to win the big trophy in two successive years.

Fairmont Made Good Showing.
The work of the Fairmont team in the tournament was especially notable. Lanham developed a team that for science excelled any that played here. Knight at one forward was especially good and several other fine players were in this aggregation. Elkins suffered a great handicap throughout the games here and but for this, it might have been a more important contender. Wheeling, in drawing Parkersburg undoubtedly was unfortunate, as Parkersburg in its first game displayed as nice an article of basketball as was on display here. Over confidence played an important part in Parkersburg being eliminated in the second round. It is thought the big team underestimated Charleston and was unable to recover before the game was lost. The showing of

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SALLEE SAYS A. L. BATSMEN ARE EASY.
Slim Sallee, one of the stars of the St. Louis Cardinals' hurling staff, considers it much easier to fool American league batsmen than those in the National.

"After the National league says I'm no good any more, I'll get a job in the American league and guarantee to win half of my games," says Sallee. "I have noticed, though, when the count is two balls and no strikes or even three balls and no strikes."

"When you have a batter hitting for you with two balls and even three balls then you are going to be able to save your arm."

Fairview and Clarksburg is also to be noted. Although both were eliminated in the second round, it was only the keenness of the competition and the fact that they were pitted against the best teams here that made them go down.

All told no more ideal tournament could have been imagined. The weather was a little raw, but capacity crowds attended every session, and it is said that Wesleyan cleared all expenses of the tournament from the gate receipts.

Referee Davis Pleased All.
The work of referee Davis was exceptional. Among the teams there was not a single criticism of his smooth work and it is generally expressed desire that he be secured for next year's games. The sportsmanship exhibited by the teams was on the finest caliber also. No game ended but what the players on the losing team gave a yell for the victors and the players individually congratulated their conquerors. The local arrangements, too, were almost perfect. Wesleyan's big gymnasium had been especially arranged and three big dressing rooms, a check room and a "rubbing" room, all with many attendants had been provided. The swimming pool was thrown open and everything was done to make the visit of the teams an enjoyable one. Here the Wesleyan students had examinations on and this handicapped them somewhat in showing school courtesies to the high school boys but all seemed well pleased with their entertainment here.

Next Year's Tournament.
Next year's tournament will probably be held a week earlier, it falling on the second Friday and Saturday in March. Invitations are being mailed for this tournament this week and work on the preliminary plans has already been done. It is expected that this will be greater than ever and now that the affairs are established as an annual event, it is anticipated that twice the number of teams will be entered next year.

The sacrifices made by the teams to get here this year are notable. Charleston, the winning team, not having enough money in their treasury to pay railroad fares, borrowed the money from friends and came hoping to win and in that way have all expenses paid by Wesleyan. Other teams made similar sacrifices.

WILLARD IS LARGER

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handlers and what he has learned from his sparring partners in training. He has three distinct advantages over Johnson in youth, height and reach, the possession of which, combined with a splendid constitution make Willard the most formidable opponent that has been matched against Johnson during his entire career in the prize ring.

How They Compare.
The following table shows the relative measurements of the champion and challenger:

	Johnson.	Willard.
Age	28	28
Weight	214	233
Height	6 ft. 3 1/2 in.	6 ft. 6 in.
Reach	70 in.	83 1/2 in.
Neck	15 in.	17 1/2 in.
Biceps	15 in.	18 in.
Wrist	8 1/2 in.	8 1/2 in.
Forearm	15 in.	15 in.
Chest (narrow)	42 in.	44 1/2 in.
Chest (ex.)	45 in.	47 in.
Waist	32 in.	37 in.
Thigh	22 1/2 in.	26 in.
Calf	15 in.	17 in.
Ankle	9 1/2 in.	10 in.

These measurements of the champion were made just before Johnson met Jim Flynn at Las Vegas, N. M., July 4, 1912.

YALE HARVARD RACE JUNE 25.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Mar. 27.—The Yale-Harvard varsity eight-oared race will be rowed upstream on the Thames river, between 4:30 and 5:00 o'clock Friday, June 25, according to an announcement today by F. V. Chappell, chairman of the committee on arrangements. The varsity race last year was rowed upstream, as it was in 1913, 1915, 1917, 1918 and 1919.

RAIN PREVENTS GAME.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Mar. 27.—The baseball game scheduled to be played here today between West Virginia Wesleyan College and South Carolina University teams was called off on account of rain. If weather conditions permit a game will be played Monday.

CIRCUS NOT COMING.

PARKERSBURG, Mar. 27.—E. G. Stephenson today refused a communication from business manager Felt of Ringling Brothers' circus, requesting the return of the contract for Stephenson field, which had been engaged some time ago for the circus, for performances early in the season, stating that it will be impossible for this circus to visit Parkersburg this year.

More in West Virginia Conference of Methodist Church Than in Other States.

PARKERSBURG, Mar. 27.—A well known official of the West Virginia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, writing of the Sunday school meeting to be held in this city on March 29, gives the following statement in regard to the growth of Sunday schools in the West Virginia conference. He says:

"It is not generally known that the West Virginia conference has a larger number of Sunday schools than any other conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States but such is the fact. At its annual session last fall, the West Virginia conference reported 941 Sunday schools, and the next largest number reported by any conference in the United States was 568 (Northeast Ohio conference). There were two conferences, however, in the Methodist Episcopal church, which reported a larger number of Sunday schools; and both are pleased to call 'heavenly India.' The Northwest India conference reported 1,305 Sunday schools, and next to them was the West Virginia conference with 941 Sunday schools."

Received Great Impetus.
The Sunday school work of the Methodist Episcopal church has received a great impetus since the organization of the board of Sunday schools by the general conference of 1906. During the years which have intervened since then, the missionary schools employed by the board of Sunday schools have established nearly 2,000 new Sunday schools from which more than 500 Methodist Episcopal churches have been organized. Since 1908 the Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal church have increased more than 1,000,000 in membership; have reported nearly 1,000,000 scholars converted; and have contributed more than four millions of dollars to home and foreign missions.

The board of Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal church keeps from twenty to thirty missionaries at work in the United States. Men are becoming more and more interested in Sunday school work through the Methodist Brotherhood and Adult Bible Class Organizations. More than 500,000 men are now enrolled in Methodist Episcopal Sunday schools. The Methodist Brotherhood has recently been consolidated with the board of Sunday schools. Dr. William S. Howard, formerly secretary of the brotherhood, being now the very efficient superintendent of the adult department of the board of Sunday schools.

Progressive State.
West Virginia is one of the most progressive of all the states in Sunday school work. This is due partly to the excellent work which has been done by the State Sunday School Association, and partly to the increasing interest which is being taken in Sunday school work by the leading denominations. The Methodist Episcopal church has had a special Sunday school worker in West Virginia in the person of the Rev. Milton R. Eastlake for over a year. He is a regular member of the West Virginia conference released from pastoral work for this special duty. He works under the direction of the board of Sunday schools, which supports him. The success of his work has been very gratifying. During the year before he was appointed, when there was no special Sunday school worker in the West Virginia conference territory, the conference reported a net gain of four Sunday schools. At the close of his first year of service the conference reported a net gain of forty-one Sunday schools; sixty having been organized during the year. This work has been done under the department of extension of the board of Sunday schools, which stands for "more Sunday schools."

Larger

By Far Are Some West Virginia Orchards Than Famous New York Orchards.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27.—It appears from the report of the interstate commerce commission in the complaint of the Eastern Fruit Growers Association against the Baltimore and Ohio and other railroads that the Virginia and West Virginia apple orchards are far larger than the famous New York orchards which are famous all over the country.

Included with West Virginia and Virginia in the complaint as to rates are Maryland, Delaware and Southern Pennsylvania. But it is well known that the eastern part of West Virginia produces practically all the apples in this territory. The commission shows in its report that these sections have an aggregate of about 540,000 apple trees in bearing, and 240,000 acres not yet bearing, while the figures for New York state are 281,205 acres in bearing and 79,712 not yet bearing. In 1912 there were shipped from Virginia and West Virginia and the few orchards in Maryland, Delaware and Southern Pennsylvania approximately 30,000 carloads of apples, while the trees not yet bearing are expected to increase the annual yield to about 45,000 carloads. But the freight rates are regarded by the growers as unreasonable and discriminatory. The interstate commerce commission, however, found they are not and dismissed the complaint.

FILES SUIT.

CHARLESTON, Mar. 27.—Because he alleges, he was pronounced a smallpox patient when he wasn't, and his home was quarantined, Everett E. Robinson, a prominent lawyer, has filed suit against O. L. Abitz city health commissioner for \$10,000 damages.

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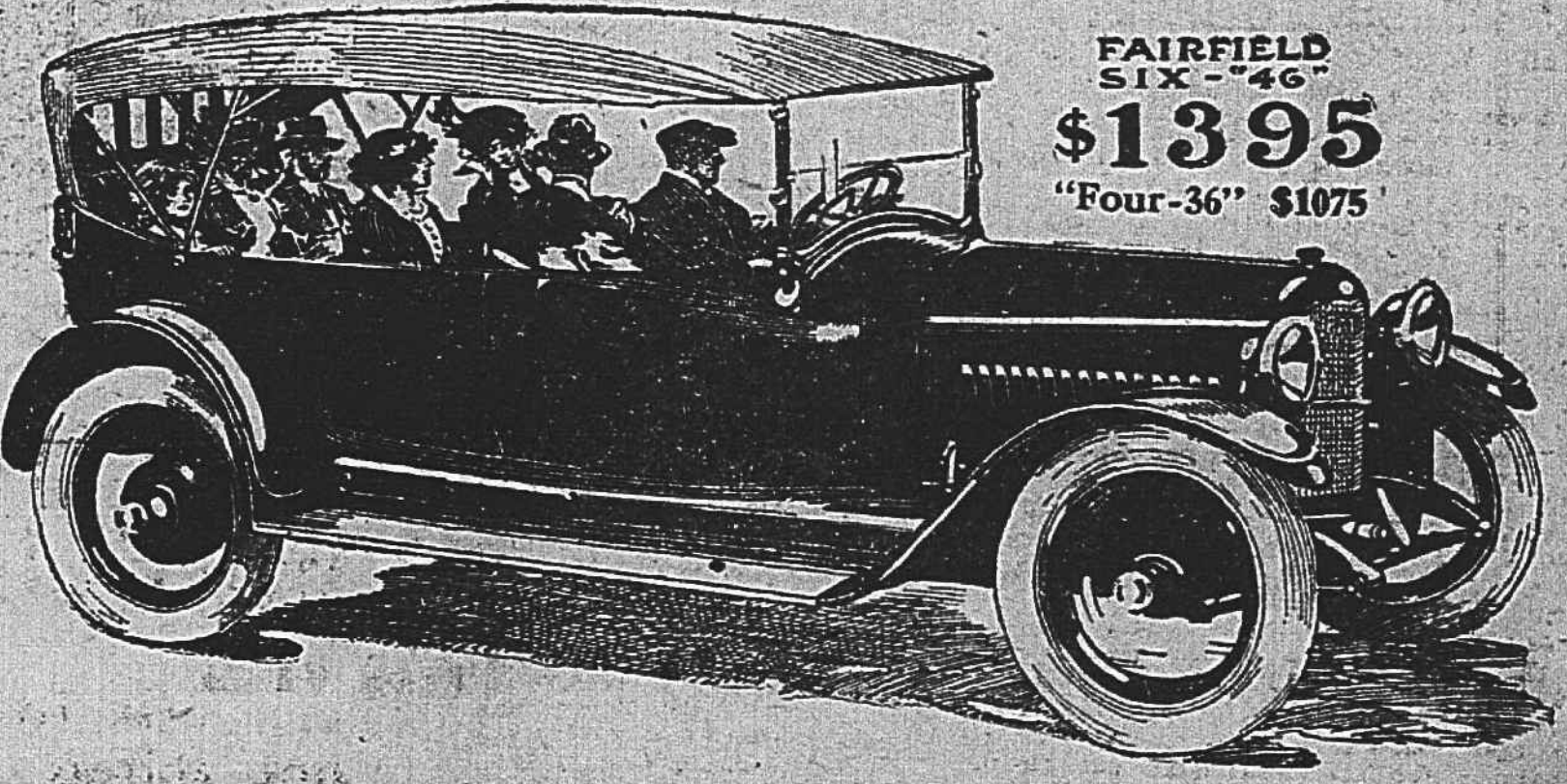
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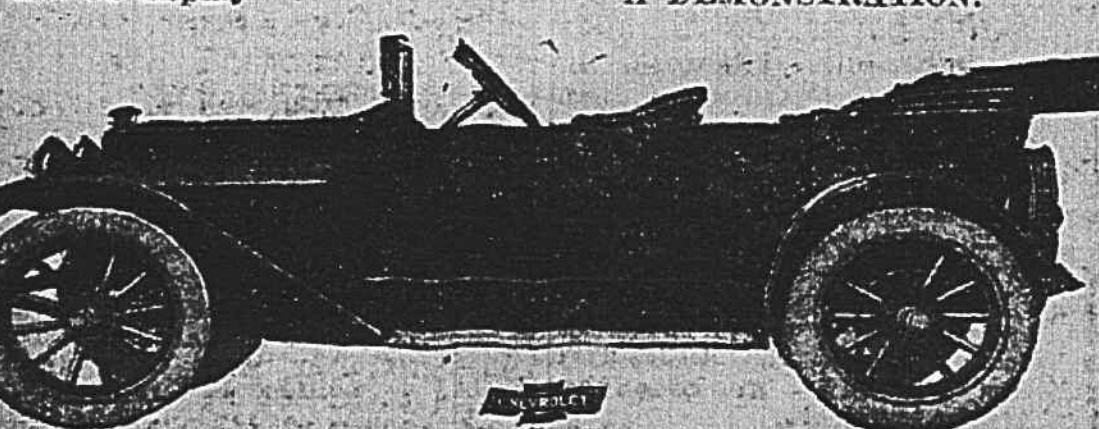


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SNAKE DOCTOR PLANS TO BURN THE WORLD

Advertises Scheme to Set Globe on Fire with Gasoline Snake Oil.

HUNTINGTON, Mar. 27.—Expecting to "set the world on fire with snake oil made of gasoline," a former snake doctor came to Huntington, according to the Original A. N. B. Snake Artists of the United States of America, who appeared before the city commissioners yesterday afternoon.

"The other fellow was a fraud and couldn't deliver the goods," the lieutenant expert declared to the commission. "My snake oil is the real article."

When the man stated that he would close \$100 per week advertising contracts with both the local newspapers and would rent a room, that cost \$200 a month Mayor Floyd S. Chapman voiced the opinion of the board that under these conditions he might sell.

The other snake doctor was recommended to Commissioner T. S. Scanlon, who stopped his sale of the liniment by several preachers and other authorities. The other did not stay here long. Mr. Scanlon said, and for this reason he said he was against granting permission to another similar dealer to start work.

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